

CBC Digital Archives: Education Materials

<http://www.cbc.ca/archives/teachers/materials.html>

You will find the following types of activities within this site:

Introductory Activities

Assignments

WebQuests

Projects

Introductory Activities

These introductory activities are open-ended and appropriate for all grade levels. The activities engage students in exploring the topic to get a sense of the content, with one or more focus questions in mind. Typically, this type of activity has students online for a short period of time. The ensuing class discussion allows students to share their discoveries and interests, and promotes further exploration.

Assignments (Activities for Specific Grade Levels)

Most of the activities are assigned a grade-level range (Grades 6-8, Grades 9-10, Grades 11-12). To complete these tasks, students will need to spend more time exploring the topic, and possibly beyond it. These activities can be completed in one or two days and students will find most of the information they need within the topic site.

WebQuests

Each topic includes a WebQuest, an activity that encourages the use of the topic as well as other web sites. It is often a cooperative task that results in a more significant piece of work from students, one that reflects the processes of research, revision, and completion of a final version. Many WebQuests target a specific grade level although some WebQuests are suitable for all grades levels.

All activities include the following information:

- What grades are appropriate for this material
- How long it will take to teach this topic
- Activity summary and purpose
- Materials you'll need to teach this activity
- Line Masters are provided where relevant
- Additional resources including Internet links and bibliographies

Each activity includes suggestions for introducing the task, questions you can ask to promote discussion and reflection, and ideas and tips for extending the task beyond the site.

Projects

The For Teachers section also includes a number of Projects, longer-term activities that tie in to several CBC Archives Website topics at once.

Projects are similar to Assignments in terms of layout and ease of use, but are more intensive and result in a "culminating" type activity of a higher order. Where Assignments usually last one class period, a Project could require up to two weeks.

All projects come with multiple printable handouts and at least one assessment master.

Current projects:

- Canadian Disasters
- The Canadian Spirit
- The Trudeau Era: Major Events
- Exploring Media: Understanding and Identifying Editorial Perspective in Television and Radio News
- Canadian Athletes: The Nature of Sports Heroism
- Canadian Personalities: Contributing to Canadian Society

Assessment Suite

Our For Teachers section also offers an Assessment Suite of downloadable, printable assessment pages and rubrics.

These tools are designed to assist teachers and their students as they work with the materials presented in the thousands of files presented on the CBC Digital Archives site. They may be downloaded and reproduced for the classroom, or altered as needed.

The CBC Digital Archives Assessment Suite can be found here:

<http://www.cbc.ca/archives/teachers/assessment-suite.html>